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The Honorable  
DEAN ACHESON  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

*April 23, 1946.*

DEAR COLONEL McCORMACK:

I have your letter of April 23 in which you tender your resignation as Special Assistant to the Secretary for Research and Intelligence. I understand and respect the reasons that led you to this decision; and much as I regret that it falls to me to receive your letter, I accept your resignation. I know that the Secretary would wish me to express on his behalf his appreciation of your devoted service to the Department over these past months, both in organizing within the Department the intelligence work and in representing the Department in establishing, in accordance with the President's direction, the Department's participation in the work of the National Intelligence Authority.

May I add my own word. I know with what reluctance you gave up last fall your intention to return to private life in order to do this work in the Department. I know the untiring energy which you devoted to it. I know the effort which you have put into surmounting the difficulties which were inherent in the task. All of us who have worked with you are deeply grateful. When you joined us, you and I had only a slight acquaintance; I knew you chiefly through your work. As you leave, you take with you my increased admiration for that and a deep personal regard. I hope that the future holds opportunities for us to work together again and to happier outcomes.

Sincerely yours,

DEAN ACHESON

The Honorable  
ALFRED McCORMACK  
*Special Assistant for  
Research and Intelligence,  
Department of State.*

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